GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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MONITORING OF ANTYODAYA ANNA YOJANA
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has evolved a new procedure to monitor Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether National Monitors have been deputed to monitor the implementation of this Yojana in various States;

(d) if so, whether they have reported diversion of foodgrains from the said scheme; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Government on the basis of these Reports?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Question does not arise.

(c): There are no National Monitors who have been deputed especially to Monitor the implementation of AAY.

(d)&(e): However, in order to strengthen Public Distribution System (PDS) in the country after evaluation studies by Programme Evaluation Organisation of Planning Commission (PEO) and ORG-MARG (which covered AAY Yojana also as part of TPDS), five regional conferences of State Food Secretaries were held. They were followed by a national conference of State Food Ministers and Secretaries held on 29.3.2006. Based on feed back of these conferences, a nine point action plan given below was prepared for implementation by all State/UT Governments:

1. States should undertake a campaign for Review of BPL/AAY lists, to eliminate ghost ration cards within 3 months.

2. Strict action should be taken against the guilty to ensure leakage free distribution of foodgrains. In this respect information asked for under clause 9 of PDS Control Order, may also be sent.

3. For sake of transparency involvement of elected PRI members in distribution of foodgrains, licences be given to SHGs, gram panchayats, cooperatives, etc.

4. BPL/AAY lists should be displayed on all FPSs.

5. District-wise and FPS-wise allocation of foodgrains should be put up on websites and other prominent places, for public scrutiny.

6. Wherever possible, door step delivery of foodgrains should be ensured by States, instead of letting private transporters/wholesalers to transport goods.

7 Timely availability of foodgrains at FPS level and fixed dates of distribution to ration card holders should be ensured.

8. Training of members of FPS level Vigilance Committees should be ensured.

9. Computerisation of TPDS operations be undertaken.

The action taken by the State/UT Governments on this issue is reviewed by the Department of Food and Public• Distribution during meetings of State Food Secretaries from time to time